

REMARKS

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-4 and 6-20 are presently pending in this application. Claim 5 is hereby cancelled, and claims 19 and 20 are newly added. The features from claim 5 (which was not rejected on prior art grounds) have been added to independent claims 1, 4, 15 and 16. None of the applied references teach or fairly suggest the invention as now recited in the independent claims. New claims 19 and 20 are the same as original claim 6, but depend from claims 15 and 16, respectively.

In view of the foregoing editorial amendments to claim 12, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection thereto.

The Examiner rejects claims 5, 6, 8, 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the foregoing editorial amendments.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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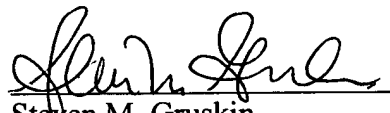
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